GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF FOOD AND DRUG AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States (US) has proposed to help India in setting up of Food and Drug Authority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The United States has not formally proposed to help India in setting up of Food and Drug Authority.Food Authority is being set up under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It is in a very advanced stage of being set up. A Bill has been moved to amend the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 in order to set up Central Drug Authority. Presently, the Bill is under consideration of the Parliamentary Standing Committee.In the process of setting up of the two authorities, India is interacting with various developed countries including United States to get inputs regarding the best practices followed in these countries with respect to such authorities.